

House Resolution No. 805

Whereas, Kingdom Telephone Company, headquartered in Auxvasse, Missouri, is commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of its founding at its annual business meeting on March 5, 2005; and

Whereas, Kingdom Telephone Company is a member-owned telephone cooperative serving customers in seven exchanges in Callaway and Montgomery counties, including Auxvasse, Big Spring, Hatton, Mokane, Rhineland, Tebbetts, and Williamsburg; and

Whereas, the cooperative was incorporated in January 1955 with the purchase of the Mokane Telephone Company and the Auxvasse Telephone Company; and

Whereas, necessary equity was raised by the sale of \$10 voting stock and interest-bearing capital shares; and

Whereas, the cooperative hired its first manager, Woodrow Rice, in January 1956, and obtained an REA (Rural Electrification Administration) loan of \$612,000 in February 1956 with service beginning on May 1 of that year; and

Whereas, currently lead by General Manager Tom Blevins and Board President Doug Lensing, Kingdom Telephone Company now has thirty-four employees and annual revenues of more than \$8.6 million; and

Whereas, Kingdom Telephone Company and its subsidiaries offer several diversified telecommunications services to nearly 6,500 customers, including local telephone service, long distance, computer repair, and dial-up and high-speed Internet service:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history and accomplishments associated with Kingdom Telephone Company and to convey to it this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as it celebrates Fifty Years of service; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Kingdom Telephone Company.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 805 adopted February 28, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker